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S.C. Public Service Commission  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, S.C. 29210

RE: Application of Kenneth J. Landert d/b/a Kountry Limo  
Docket Number 2009-431-T

Public Service Commission:

Please allow this to serve as rebuttal to the request made by Dallas Ball, P.C. on behalf of Yellow Cab Company of Greenville, Inc.

It is my contention that the taxi and limousine business in the Greenville area has decrease only slightly in the daily airport travel segment of the industry and has increased in the personal transportation for work purposes segment of the industry. As the economy shifts, fewer customers are traveling by air and thus demand for that particular transportation service has decreased by an estimated 4%. However, for similar economic reasons, more individuals are unable to afford reliable transportation and have become more reliant on public transportation and taxi services.

The vehicle currently being utilized for purposes of acquiring proper certification does not meet the standards of a "luxury" vehicle. However, the automobile is in excellent condition, reliable, and comfortable. It is my intent to secure a more suitable mode of transportation when my petition is approved. At this time it is not practical to upgrade the vehicle until I know that I will be legally permitted to operate within the legal parameters of the taxi and limousine business. Furthermore, Mr. Ball's should recognize that his client's fleet of vehicles exceeds and average age of over 12 years.

Regarding the ability to qualify to obtain a permit to drive a taxi from the City of Greenville: It is not my intent to operate a taxi service within the city limits of Greenville, S.C. The approval of my petition for a Class C Limousine Certificate will permit me to conduct business in the Greater Greenville and Greater Spartanburg markets.

It is my opinion that Mr. Ball, on behalf of Yellow Cab Company of Greenville, is attempting to secure the continued monopoly of the taxi and limousine service in the Greenville market that is currently enjoyed by his client. I further contend that Mr. Ball, for financial gain only, has deliberately advocated to his client that they engage in slander that serves no purpose other than to discredit my character in front of the Public Service Commission. Mr. Ball has no authority to interfere with my legal right to own and operate a business so long as I do so within the confines of the law.

I appreciate your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Landert  
d/b/a Kountry Limo